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**Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly**

## General debate of the fifty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 51/242 of 31 July 1997, in particular paragraphs 19, 20 (a) and (e) and 21 of the annex thereto, and 56/218 of 21 December 2001, in particular paragraph 4 thereof,

*Decides* to hold an eight-day general debate at its fifty-seventh session, from Thursday, 12 September, to Sunday, 15 September, and from Tuesday, 17 September, to Friday, 20 September 2002. The schedule of the plenary meetings during the general debate shall be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with a voluntary time limit of up to 15 minutes for each statement, and these arrangements shall in no way create precedent for the general debate at the fifty-eighth or other future sessions.

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